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Helpful. Thank you.

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FYI--

EPA participants introduced:

Remedial Program Manager Cami Grandinetti

Site Cleanup Unit Manager Davis Zhen

Policy Advisor Bill Dunbar

Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation Environmental Engineer Silvina Fonseca

Portland Operations Office Director Tony Barber

Congressional Coordinator Cindy Schuster

Congressional office representatives:

Senator Merkley: Business Liaison Jake Oken-Berg; Legislative Fellow Tim Brown

Senator Wyden: LD Sarah Bittleman; Natural Resources Counsel Erin Fauerbach; Special Projects Coordinator Jacob Egler

Congressman Blumenauer: Senior LA Stephanie Phillips; Field Representative Liv Brumfield

Congresswoman Bonamici: LA Sarah Round; District Representative Phylicia Haggerty

Congressman DeFazio: LA Megan Debates; District Director Nick Batz

Congressman Schrader: Deputy of Staff/LD Chris Huckleberry

Cami:

- Dennis and Jim will lead Wed call.
- [Talked from her papers.]
- Goal is to get a lot of input from boards this week.
- Identification of principal threat waste doesn't trigger need to treat or remove. Will ask board for input on how we are addressing principal threat waste.
- State and tribes will have opportunity to present to board on first day.
- Second day will be closed-door discussion.
- Expects board comments by end of year and our response in January. Both are public, and we will keep you informed.
- Will use comments in developing proposed plan, which will go out for public comment next spring.
- State especially concerned about schedule.

- LWG thinks we need more info and a model to make risk decision.
- Tribes and CAG want more aggressive cleanup.

Jake, Merkley:

- What about seismic activity?

Cami:

- Nobody designs for Cascadia 9.0 earthquake. There are no hard rules; is tradeoff between risk and cost. We will look at earthquakes.

Liv, Blumenauer:

- What are you presenting to board, a range or a preferred option?

Cami:

- EPA will provide package with all alternatives and then make a proposal and ask for their feedback. Anticipates a lot of discussion.

Tim, Merkley:

- Will LWG and CAG first be aware of EPA preference when report comes out?

Cami:

- We will provide our presentation to board publicly soon. We are early in the process and things may change.

Liv:

- Some comments go to board and some not?

Cami:

- Parties who sign up to work with us, state, tribes, and CAG have special relationship with EPA, and their comments will be shared with both boards. We will not share other comments with boards, but we will look at them.

Jake, Merkley:

- PCBs—do we have an average they will get to after remediation, or for those 13 hot spots?

Cami:

- Average is not very helpful; depends on where people are exposed. We look at smaller areas within the 13 areas for exposure. We have run models for future, but predictions are not very good. What we get at end of construction is more important.

Jake:

- He would like this information. Has not been able to find this. [Cami will find.]

Silvina:

- We do have goals that need to be reached for each alternative, preliminary remediation goals, for entire river.

Cami:

- None of alternatives seek to reach those goals at the end of construction; cleanup will include natural recovery.

Jake:

- Would like to see goals.

Sarah Round, Bonamici:

- It would be helpful to people who present to see what our preference is before they present to board.

Cindy:

- Will send requested information to Jake, Liv and all.